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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON  
MEDFORD DIVISION

**JULIA MCFADDEN,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**PERFORMANT RECOVERY, INC.,**

Defendant.

Case No.: 1:14-cv-263

**COMPLAINT;**

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES  
ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1692a, *et seq.*);

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's violations of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* (hereinafter "FDCPA").

**II. JURISDICTION**

2. Plaintiff's claim for violations of the FDCPA arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), and therefore involves a "federal question" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

**III. PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff, Julia McFadden, ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person residing in

Jackson County, Oregon.

4. Defendant, Performant Recovery, Inc., (“Defendant”) is a corporation engaged in the business of collecting debts by use of the mails and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged due another.

#### **IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

5. Defendant is a “debt collector” as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

6. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

7. All activities of Defendant set out herein were undertaken in connection with the collection of a “debt,” as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).

8. Within the last year, Defendant took multiple actions in an attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiff. Defendant’s conduct violated the FDCPA in multiple ways, including the following.

9. Overshadowing the disclosures required by 15 USC § 1692g(a) during the thirty-day dispute period, including: (1) threatening garnishment and suit within thirty-day period without describing the effect, if any, that such action would have on Plaintiff’s right to dispute the debt; and (2) sending 2nd letter w/in the thirty day dispute period that gave a time limit for accepting settlement that overshadowed and confused Plaintiff regarding the time limit to dispute (§ 1692g(b)).

10. Threatening to take an action against Plaintiff that cannot be legally taken or that was not actually intended to be taken, including threatening to start administrative

garnishment proceedings against Plaintiff, where Defendant did not intend to take such action (§ 1692e(5)).

11. As a result of the aforementioned violations, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.

12. Defendant intended to cause, by means of the actions detailed above, injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.

13. Defendant's actions, detailed above, were undertaken with extraordinary disregard of, or indifference to, known or highly probable risks to purported debtors.

14. To the extent Defendant's actions, detailed above, were carried out by an employee of Defendant, that employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment.

#### **COUNT I: VIOLATION OF FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

15. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

16. The preceding paragraphs state a *prima facie* case for Plaintiff and against Defendant for violations of the FDCPA.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA;

- B. Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692k;
- C. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;
- D. Costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney's fees for all successful claims, and any unsuccessful claims arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as the successful claims, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and,
- E. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

**PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY**

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014.

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